

Town of Bethel
Selectboard Agenda
Monday, January 9, 2023
6:30 pm @ Bethel Town Hall & via Zoom

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 827 5176 0467 Passcode: 965347 Dial: 1-646-558-8656

Present: Lindley Brainard **, Dave Eddy, Chris Jarvis, Gene Kraus, Paul Vallee, Therese Kirby **, Julie Kraus**

Visitors: Leonard Meek **

6:31 pm: Call meeting to order. Agenda edited to move “Executive Session: Motion to enter executive session to discuss the evaluation of an employee per 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3).” to the next Selectboard meeting. Moved by Paul Vallee, seconded by Gene Kraus, and so voted.

Public Comment *

Gene commented that the Energy Committee applied for a grant and has received notice of the grant approval.

FY 2023-2024 Budget Discussion

Reviewed potential tax rate, including the addition of requests of the Bethel Public Library, Bethel Recreation Committee and Randolph Playhouse.

Draft Town Meeting Warning and Bond Informational

Town Meeting Warning must go to the printers by January 25. Some discussion about any changes from the State Legislature for future town meetings state-wide, dates (i.e. all in-person, partial on-line, date flexibility, etc.) Bond Informational meeting during the Town Meeting.

EPA Community Grant/Sen. Sander’s earmark for Sand Hill - update

\$750,000 with a \$150,000 match. The match cannot be ARPA money; however, there are no time limits on using these monies. Using the original plan and improving stormwater, repairing the road base and repaving the entire road, more of Sand Hill Road will be in the project than originally planned.

June 2022 finalized audit

No substantial findings.

Minutes and Communications:

1. Town Manager’s Report
2. Selectboard Minutes from 12/19/2022 Paul moved to accept minutes, seconded by Lindley. So voted.
3. Other Communications -
4. Any Other Business Necessary to Come Before the Board
Many staff have been dealing with illness since October and the Town Office is very short staffed. Currently Pam Brown is the only staff in the building.

7:27 pm Motion to adjourn by Paul, seconded by Lindley. So voted.

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be January 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

* Public comment will be limited to items not already listed on the agenda, and 3 to 5 minutes per person.

** via Zoom